

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification is made to correct a typographical error in the citation of a reference, a copy of which has been provided to the Examiner. No change in the scope of the application is intended by this amendment.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's statement that the reply submitted August 18, 2003 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-12, 14-18, 29-30 and 94.

Claims 19, 20-25, 27, 28 and 33-90 have been cancelled without prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of those claims.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the status of claims 10 and 19. In paragraph 7 of the September 16, 2003 Advisory Action, in the last line, the Examiner includes claim 10 among those listed as withdrawn from consideration. It is respectfully suggested that claim 19 was intended; this would be consistent with the listing in line 4(a) of the Office Action Summary mailed June 18, 2003.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's statement in the Advisory Action that claims 31 and 32 are being rejoined into the application.

Claim 26 has been amended without prejudice to delete the words "or face-more-parallel." Applicants respectfully do not agree that this amendment is mandated by the cited prior art. It is believed, however, that the subject matter cancelled from claim 26 by this amendment is within the scope of the claims of parent patent U.S. 6,015,214, such that applicant


is not abandoning patent coverage of this subject matter. Accordingly, claim 26, and claims 91-93 which depend from claim 26, are all believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for filing of this Amendment. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.0 to cover the fee for the extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit to Deposit Account No. 10-1202.

Submitted herewith is an Associate Power of Attorney for Heidi Boehlefeld, Esq. of the firm Renner, Otto, Boisselle and Sklar. It is respectfully requested that all future U.S. Patent and Trademark Office communications on this patent application be directed to Ms. Boehlefeld.

The undersigned applicants' representative wishes to express her appreciation to the Examiner for the many courtesies extended throughout the course of the prosecution of this application, and for the thoroughness and care with which this application has been examined.

Respectfully submitted,


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